trolleys are being smuggled out from the high security zone of the Airport;

(d) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; if so, with what results; and

(e) what steps have been taken to put an end to this misuse and to punish the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has awarded a contract for retrieval and maintenance of passenger trolleys at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. The contractor is responsible for safe custody, and ready, availability of trolleys. However, there have been reports of misuse of trolleys by residents of neighbourhood localities because passengers after use leave them at all over places within the airport vicinity and the car park areas. The contractor has been advised to exercise effective control to avoid misuse of trolleys. He has since deployed addtional manpower for the purpose.

Introduction of convenient flight timings By IA

2307. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines propose to introduce convenient flight timings and additional capacity on several high density and tourist routes; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Presently, most of the Indian Airlines services operating on high density trunk routes are scheduled with a view to providing maximum convenience to the passengers travelling on these routes. Since the capacity presently provided on the high density and tourist routes is sufficient to meet the present passenger demand, Indian Airlines is not planning to augment capacity on these routes.

Decline in global tourists

2308. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in global tourist arrivals came down from 0.40 per cent in 1988 to 0.35 per cent in 1993 and in regional arrivals from 55.2 per cent to 52 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that percentage of foreign exchange receipts from global tourism came down from 0.75 per cent to 0.43 per cent and from regional tourism from 77.76 per cent to 70 per cent during the period;

(c) whether Government have identified the causes of the decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether any action plan has been drawn to check the declining trend and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when it is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage share of India in the global tourism receipts declined from 0.72 per cent to 0.46 per cent and the same in the regional tourism receipts declined from 74.0 per cent to 70.0 per cent during the period from 1988 to 1993.

(c) and (d) The reasons for decline in tourist traffic during 1993 include law and problems in some parts of the country, airlines strikes, recessionary conditions in some of the tourist generating countries etc.

(e) and (f) An action plan including re-assurance campaigns in the overseas

markets, visits of promotional delegations to tourist generating countries, invitation of media and trade representatives to India etc. was launched and a turn around in tourist arrivals was achieved.

निजी विमान कम्पनियों की ओर बकाया देय-राशि

2309. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) निजी विमान कम्पनियों द्वारा सरकार, अन्तरर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण और राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को देय प्रभारों/करों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उनमें से प्रत्येक कम्पनी द्वारा वर्ष 1990 से उपरोक्त प्रभारों/करों के रूप में अदा की गई राशि का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) 31 मार्च, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार प्रत्येक विमान कम्पनी की ओर उपर्युक्त करों की बकाया राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) उक्त बकाया राशि को वसूल करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं/उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Air Transport Facilities to industrial Towns

2310. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposals to provide Air Transport Facilities to industrial developing towns, in view of large number of Multinatinal Companies having agreed to set up thier units;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the States have committed to provide such infrastructural facilities to new entrepreneurs; and

(c) whether Government will consider to provide air services linking major international Airports with such industrial towns?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Operation of air services between different stations is decided by the respective air operators keeping in view the availability of infrastructural facilities, operating crew, aircraft, traffic potential, commercial viability of operations etc. At present Indian Airlines operates to 53 stations in India which include developing industrial towns. Most of these stations are directly connected to international airports in India.

Cancellation of Flights of Inian Airlines and Vayudoot from Jabalpur

2311. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Vayudoot have cancelled their flights from Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the reasons hterefor;

(c) by when these flights would be reintroduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Runway of Jabalpur Aerodrome is not big enough to accept any Indian Airlines aircraft. Due to commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot discontinued its operations to Jabalpur. There is no immediate possibility of reintroduction of flights to Jabalpur, since the above reasons still exist.

साहसिक पर्यटन

2312. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि आज "साहसिक पर्यटन" भारतीय और विदेशी पर्यटकों में लोकप्रिय होता जा रहा है ; और